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APPLICATION OF

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EXAMINER: K. GANAPATHY

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(A)

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

Appellant, by the undersigned attorney, respectfully petition the Commissioner for Patents under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for filing their response so that the Appeal Brief filed simultaneously with this Petition will be considered timely filed.

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